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SUBJ: SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS OF TURKISH TERRITORY

REF: ANKARA 8346

1. DEPT ASST SECTY DAVIES RAISED QUESTION OF INCREASED NUMBER OF SOVIET FLIGHTS THROUGH TURKISH AIRSPACE WITH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL EVENING OCTOBER 25 NOTING HE DOING SO INFORMALLY BUT REFLECTING SERIOUS CONCERN AND SURPRISE FELT AT TURKEY'S YIELDING TO SOVIET PRESSURE FOR MILITARY AIRLIFT DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SOVIET INFLUENCE AND PRESENCE IN NEAR EAST.

2. DAVIES SAID USG HAD GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID ACTIVITIES AT JOINT FACILITIES IN TURKEY THAT MIGHT CONFLICT WITH TURKISH POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND FELT TURKISH ACQUIESCENCE IN INCREASED SOVIET FLIGHTS DISCRIMINATORY AND CONTRARY TO THAT POLICY. FURTHERMORE,
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SOVIET RESUPPLY OPERATION INITIATED AT TIME USG SEEKING MUTUAL RESTRAINT RAISED ISSUE FROM THAT OF NEAR EAST CONFLICT TO THAT OF SOVIET INTENTIONS AND POWER POSITION IN AREA OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ALLIANCE.

AMBASSADOR MACOMBER HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN WHEN APPRISED OF
GOI DECISION BY FOREIGN MINISTER BAYULKEN AND WE WISHED
TO UNDERLINE THIS IN STRONGEST TERMS.

3. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL SAID HE UNAWARE OF FACTS AND THAT
HE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY MONTREUX CONVENTION BEFORE
DISCUSSING ISSUE FURTHER. KISSINGER

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